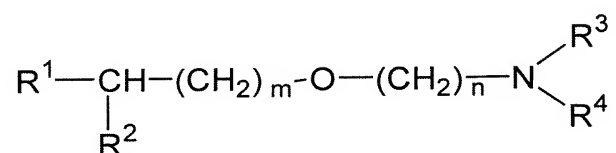


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B):

Ingredient (A): An alkyl ether derivative represented by the following formula:



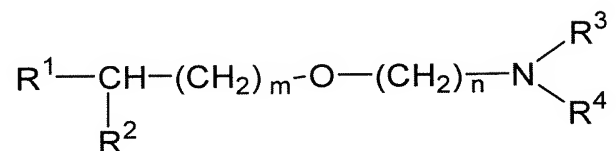
wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic~~ benzothienyl group ~~which may be substituted with a group selected from a halogen atom, an alkyl group, and a phenyl group~~; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom ~~or a hydroxyl group~~; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, ~~which may be the same or different~~, each represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ an alkyl group, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, taken conjointly with the nitrogen atom to which R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are linked, form a ~~substituted or unsubstituted cyclic amino group~~ an azetidine ring; m represents ~~an integer of 1 to 5~~; and n represents ~~an integer of 1 to 6~~ 2 to 3; or a salt thereof,

Ingredient (B): A compound selected from the group consisting of Donepezil and Tacrine ~~having an acetylcholine esterase inhibitory activity or a salt thereof, which is different from ingredient (A).~~

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a medicament comprising combining the following ingredients (A) and (B),

Ingredient (A): An alkyl ether derivative represented by the following formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic~~ benzothienyl group which may be substituted with a group selected from a halogen atom, an alkyl group, and a phenyl group; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom ~~or a hydroxyl group~~; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, which may be ~~the same or different~~, each represents a ~~substituted or unsubstituted~~ an alkyl group, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, taken conjointly with the nitrogen atom to which R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are linked, form a ~~substituted or unsubstituted cyclic amino group~~ an azetidine ring; m represents an integer of 1 to 5; and n represents an integer of 1 to ~~6~~ 2 to 3; or a salt thereof,

Ingredient (B): A compound selected from the group consisting of Donepezil and Tacrine having an ~~acetylcholine esterase inhibitory activity or a salt thereof~~, which is ~~different from ingredient (A)~~.

5. – 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered to a patient to ~~improve cerebral function~~ treat Alzheimer's disease.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising administering the medicament to a patient in order to ~~improve cerebral function~~ treat Alzheimer's disease.

9. (New) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ingredient (A) is 1-[3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl]-3-azetidinol or a salt thereof.

10. (New) The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ingredient (A) is 1-[3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl]-3-azetidinol maleate.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said ingredient (A) is 1-[3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl]-3-azetidinol or a salt thereof.

12. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said ingredient (A) is 1-[3-(2-(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)ethoxy)propyl]-3-azetidinol maleate.